(*in Rs*)

Variety	Price per sq. mtr.
Printed Saree	5·16
Grey calendered	3·61
Long Cloth:	
Pleached long cloth	4·13
Medium dyed long cloth	6·11
Dark dyed long cloth	6·41
Printed long cloth	6·57
Polyester cotton shirting	
	Price per linear mtr.
bleached	10·50
Dyed	11·50
Printed	12·00

Apart from above, NTC is producing cheap cloth and "Sulabh" fabrics, retail price for which is as below:

(*In Rs*)

	Price per mtr.	
Cheap cloth		7·31*
"Sulabh" shirting (Ranges from)	159·0	17.90
"Sulabh" suiting (Ranges from)	38·00	42·90

*inclusive of all trade margins.

(c) Study is always made on the market conditions before introducing textile for sale in different parts of the country. This is based on the feed-back from the retail showrooms, dealers/agents tastes and perferences of the consumers and movement of goods in a particular area.

Import of coins

1968. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:
PROF. (MRS.) ASIMA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:
SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to import coins due to severe shortage thereof in the country;

(b) if so, in what denominations the shortage is more at present;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to produce coins below 10 paise using high density and durable plastic materials; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to import blanks and press them into coins in our mints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) There has been a general shortage of coins in the country. Production in the Mints has been substantially increased. To supplement domestic production, a total quantity of 4000 million pieces of coins in the denominations of Re. 1, 50p. and 25p. has been arranged for import during 1985 to 1987.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Branch Licensing Policy

1969. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India regarding branch licensing policy for

expansion of banking activities during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what are the centres identified in each district of Orissa under Branch Expansion Programme from 1985 to 1990 and what action is being taken by the Reserve Bank in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The aim of Branch Licensing Policy for 1985—90 (co-terminus with the Seventh Five Year Plan Period) is to achieve a coverage of 17,000 population per bank office in rural and semi-urban areas of *each Development Block*. The policy also aims at filling up of spatial gaps with a view to ensure a bank office within 10 kms. from each village. Under this policy Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has advised the Lead Banks to constitute Groups for identification of centres for opening bank branches. The centres identified by the Groups would be forwarded to the State Governments for finalising the list. The Hilly tracts, regions which are sparsely populated and tribal areas will be given special consideration and expansion in such areas will be allowed on a comparatively liberal basis taking into account the existing gaps in the availability of banking facilities. Expansion in metropolitan and urban centres, licences will be granted by RBI on a selective basis keeping in view factors such as financial viability of the branch, clearly established need of the centre etc.

(b) RBI has reported that 234 centres were identified by the Lead Bank Groups and finalised by the Government of Orissa for opening branches in each district of Orissa as per details given below:—

Name of District	No. of centres identified
1. Balasore . . .	10
2. Bolangir . . .	14
3. Cuttack . . .	42
4. Dhenkanal . . .	4
5. Kalabandi . . .	8
6. Koraput . .	21
7. Keonjhar . . .	12
8. Mayurbhanj . . .	15
9. Phulbani . . .	8
10. Puri	26
11. Ganjam . . .	28
12. Sundergarh . . .	16
13. Sambalpur . . .	30
TOTAL:	234

Out of the above centres RBI has already allotted 6 centres to the Regional Rural Bank (RRB) and 1 centre to State Bank of India in Kalahandi District and 8 centres to the RRB in Phulbani District. The process of allotment of eligible centres to banks in respect of other Districts has not yet been completed.

Expasion of Excise Duty by the Golden Tobacco Company

1970. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Golden Tobacco Company (GTC) had lowered down the wholesale prices of cigarettes by making certain minor changes in the names of